GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DEPLOYMENT OF SUBS NEAR WEST COAST OF GUJARAT BY PAK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani is reported to have deployed its subs near the West coast of Gujarat during the months of February and March, 2000;

(b) if so, the main reasons behind such deployment;

(c) whether Pakistan has already deployed 10,000 infantry troops with a large number of tanks and F-16 bombers near the border and intensified their positioning in the area; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to meet the threat posed by Pakistan in this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Government have not received any such information.

(c) As per information available, Pakistan has deployed additional personnel from its forces in the vicinity of Rann of Kutch.There are no reports to suggest any fresh deployment of tanks and F-16 aircraft in the area.

(d) The Indian Armed Forces and Para military forces continue to maintain strict vigil and surveillance in the Western sector. Precautionary measures to deal with any contingency have been taken.